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THE FABLE OF
THE FARMER AND THE MICE

Mice in multitudes infest the domicile of Farmer and Mrs. Al. Falfa. So bold are the little rodents that they stop at nothing. While Mrs. Al. Falfa is dressing in her boudoir, one of the boldest rodents, Mickey Mouse, unravels the material of her skirt. Mickey carries the thread down into the mouse hole where a Mrs. Mouse uses it in knitting a sweater. In another room in the house, Farmer Al. Falfa is jumping all about the floor swatting mice, with no casualties among the rodents. In the meantime, Mrs. Al. discovers that her skirt has diminished into the extreme flapper style and she rushes to her husband, and says, "If you don't get rid of these mice, I am going to leave". All the while the mice are running wild in their adventures. The Farm Cat attacks the rogues with no luck at all. In fact, the mice grab her tail and tease her unmercifully. An idea flashes into the cranium of Old Al. for contriving a device to catch Mice. He places a stove pipe through the wall of the room and pulling a string, tied around a piece of cheese through the pipe into another room he awaits a mouse. Mickey Mouse sees the cheese and string and decides to repeat his trick. He again unravels one of Mrs. Al's. skirts and ties the end to the string the Farmer is pulling through the pipe. Now it happens that Mrs. Al. is busy at the washtubs and suddenly discovers another skirt in the course of ruination. This arouses her ire. She breaks off the thread from her skirt and follows the other end as it is pulled away. She is armed with a broom and as the string is drawn through the pipe, she rushes into the other room. Here she finds the Farmer at work at what he believes is a Mouse Catcher. But, Mrs. Al. does not wait for explanations. She immediately proceeds to beat her man with the broom. Mrs. Al. soon realizes her mistake and ceases to belabor poor Al. The rural pair pace up and down the kitchen, ransacking every corner of their brains for mice extermination ideas. As the Farmer walks passed the open door of the ice-box he gets an idea. He takes a big cheese from the box and throws it out of the window. Immediately hordes of mice rush from the house into the cheese. Then the Farmer ties one end of the rope to the house and the other end to the auto. He and Mrs. Al. jump in and drive off at high speed, pulling their dwelling with them. In their haste they drive over a steep cliff. Car, occupants, and house, all plunge into the water. As the Farmer and his wife come to the surface sitting upon the peak of their house, the Farmer declares, "Well, we got ride of them at last". But, a few minutes later mice come out from under the shingles of the roof. In despair the rural pair jump into the water and swim away into the distance.

Thus we learn the moral that - "In rash endeavors to reduce existing ills we may increase our troubles"

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